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RAHALL LAUDS VIETNAM VETS

HUNTINGTON, WV --- "THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE VIETNAM CONFLICT RISKED THEIR LIVES TO UPHOLD THE HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY. THEY DESERVE OUR GRATITUDE AND OUR HELP," SAID FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL TO A GATHERING OF VIETNAM VETERANS IN HUNTINGTON.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL ALSO CALLED UPON ALL WEST VIRGINIANS TO RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED, ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, AS CONGRESS HAS SET THIS DAY AS "NATIONAL DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA."

"TODAY, EVEN ALMOST TEN YEARS AFTER THE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM CEASED," RAHALL SAID, "MANY PEOPLE WANT TO ERASE ALL SIGNS THAT WE WERE EVER INVOLVED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEY WANT TO FORGET ABOUT IT LIKE IT WAS A BAD DREAM, AND IN DOING SO, THEY HAVE IGNORED THE PROBLEMS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "THIS COUNTRY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO REACH OUT AND HELP THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN THIS CONFLICT, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS AN UNPOPULAR WAR."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL ALSO EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH SOME OF THE BUDGET CUTS BEING ADVANCED BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IN PROGRAMS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS. "MARKED FOR EXTINCTION ARE INITIATIVES TO HIRE DISABLED VETERANS, TO FIND JOBS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED, EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, MEDICAL CARE, AND EVEN THE 91 VET CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND RIGHT HERE IN HUNTINGTON THAT HAVE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE," RAHALL SAID.

"IT IS SHABBY TREATMENT OF VETERANS WHO BELIEVE IN THIS COUNTRY, AND IT MUST STOP NOW," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED.

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